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Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know the date of its commercialization?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"1st April 1925."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know when the Government were informed that there was likely to be loss to the extent of Rs. 1,55,000 in the year 1926-27?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The Government had no information."

Civil Justice

Action proposed to be taken on Mr. Justice Waller's judgment in Mr. Collett's appeal.

* 1867-A *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the strictures passed by Mr. Justice Waller in his judgment in Mr. Collett's appeal against certain officers of the City Police, the Chief Presidency Magistrate and the trying Magistrate, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action the Government propose to take thereon?"

A.—The Government propose to obtain a copy of the judgment and relevant records and, if any *prima facie* case appears, will call on the officials concerned for their explanations and will then take such action as may be necessary.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether, since this answer was given, he has received a copy of the judgment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the hon. Member read the reference in the papers?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Yes; I read the reference in the Press."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I ask whether his attention was drawn to these passages in the judgment :—'We have to try not merely the appellant but also several responsible officers of the City Police, the Chief Presidency Magistrate and the trial Magistrate himself.' 'The prosecution has been most incompetently conducted. The object was intimidation.' 'If a witness put forward by the Crown as a witness of truth said something inconvenient, either it was ignored or brushed aside as insignificant or the witness was denounced as having been got at by the defence.' 'His deposition is only to be read to be discredited.' 'The Magistrate seems to think that he has an inherent and unlimited discretion to call any witness, at any time for any purpose.'"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is disallowed."

11-15 a.m. Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With regard to the first sentence of the answer, may I know whether the Government have taken any steps already to obtain a copy of the judgment and, if not, when they propose to take steps?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I have already approved of the draft of a letter to the Crown Prosecutor asking him to send a copy of the judgment and the relevant records."

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Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With regard to the second line of the answer, may I know what are the relevant records Government propose to call for ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Practically all the records, except, say summons and such other things."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With regard to the phrase '*prima facie* case', what is the nature of the *prima facie* case on which the Government want to take action ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. F. E. James :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether Government has considered the advisability of placing one or the other of the officers under suspension until Government have gone into the details of the case ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Not before Government have perused the records."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" Will the hon. the Law Member undertake to tell this House what action they propose to take before this session closes ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It is not possible."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" Will the Government please communicate to Members the action they propose to take after getting the papers from the Crown Prosecutor ? "

The hon Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I take it therefore that, according to the answer, until the officials have given their explanations and the Government have considered the explanations, the Government propose to take no action whatever on any of these officials ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" In fact, till Government peruse the records and till they obtain the explanations from the officers, they do not propose to take action."

Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether he is going to condemn or punish the men before giving them an opportunity ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether the Government have considered whether the continuance of the officer, after severe strictures were passed by the High Court against him, is not a danger to the public ? "

The hon. the President :—" Not admissible."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Apart from that, was the attention of the Government drawn to the statements in the judgment against the Chief Presidency Magistrate—there are various statements and I shall not mention them now—may I know whether in view of those statements Government consider that any action is called for before the records are finally called for ? "

The hon. the President :—" It has been answered already."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know whether the hon. Member expects to get a copy of the judgment in the course of the day ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Not likely, Sir, because yesterday and day before yesterday were holidays and the Crown Prosecutor requires some time to get certified copies from the Court."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether he cannot get the judgment before to-morrow ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for an opinion."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Elections to the Temple Committee, North Arcot district.

1868 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the voters' list has not yet been prepared by the Temple Committee, North Arcot district ;

(*b*) whether the elections to the temple committee are to be held shortly ; and

(*c*) what steps Government propose to take to see that members do not get in through nomination this year also ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Forests

Grazing facilities in the Senankuppam Setti Kinar Reserve Forest.

1869 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ryots of Palur, Rasapoliyam, Pudur, Rangapuram and other villages in Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, petitioned, on 7th August 1928, the authorities for permission to graze their cattle in the Senankuppam Setti Kinar Reserve Forest and also to erect a 'patti' to pen their cattle during nights ;

(*b*) whether permission was accorded by the Forest Ranger of Odugathur, on 11th February 1929 ;

(*c*) whether the above ranger on 12th February 1929 asked the village munsif to have it tom-tomed in the village that the ryots should not take their cattle to the reserve in *mamul* way, crossing Fallor Ammata Kuttai Sarhath ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the ryots were, on a previous occasion, in 1928, asked to put up a fence on both sides of the *mamul* path and whether the ryots could not do so ;

(*e*) whether on one occasion the forest guard beat the ryots and closed the path to the reserve forest;

(*f*) whether the Government are aware that the ryots suffer much for want of grazing facilities for their cattle in this hot weather ; and

(*g*) whether Government will be pleased to consider the advisability of passing early orders allowing the ryots to take their cattle to the reserve forest by the *mamul* way ?